

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 755

By Kyle

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Elizabeth Forester, 2012  
Salutatorian of Central High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Forester is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2012 graduating class at Central High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Elizabeth has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Ms. Forester has earned an exemplary 5.0 grade point average while participating in varsity soccer, Bridge Builders, Student Council, French Club, Big Brothers Big Sisters, National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, National English Honor Society, the mock trial team, which she served as captain, the youth ministry planning council, which she served as secretary, and the Central High School theater production of *The Calamityville Horrors*; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her extracurricular activities, she has devoted herself to improving her community as a church liturgist, youth group member at Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Germantown, substitute shadow for autistic children at church, substitute nursery keeper, substitute pianist at church, volunteer with the Burrito Ministry, and soup kitchen volunteer at First Presbyterian; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Elizabeth has been recognized as the Outstanding French Student in ninth and eleventh grade, the Outstanding Overall Advanced Placement U.S. History Student in eleventh grade, an Advanced Placement Scholar with Honor in the eleventh grade, and an Academic All-Star for General Scholarship and she has received

the Sewanee Book Award for Excellence in Writing, the William H. Sweet Award in ninth and tenth grade, and the Student-Athlete Award of Merit in the twelfth grade; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Forester's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success at either Hendrix or Rhodes College, where she plans to major in political science, after which she hopes to attend law school and begin a career in civil rights defense; and

WHEREAS, her noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Michelle Brown and Byron Forester, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Forester's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2012 Central High School Salutatorian, Elizabeth Forester, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.